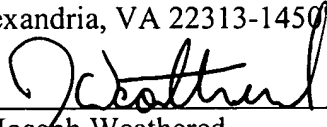




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of May 3, 2005, and supplementing applicant's Amendment filed February 4, 2005, applicant makes the following observations and arguments.